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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A method of isolating an annular area in a wellbore, comprising:
coupling an isolation member to a string of casing, the string of casing having an enlarged inner diameter portion at an end;
placing the string of casing into a wellbore; and
isolating an annular area formed between an outer surface of the isolation member and at least the enlarged inner diameter portion of the string of casing.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the string of casing has a uniform outer diameter.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising removing the isolation member.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising expanding the isolation member into the enlarged inner diameter portion.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising sealing the annular area.
6. (Original) A method of preventing accumulation of unwanted materials in an annular area in a wellbore, comprising:
coupling an isolation member inside a portion of a first string of casing to form the annular area;
running the first string of casing having an enlarged inner diameter portion at an end into a wellbore;
disposing a second string of casing into the first string of casing; and
expanding the second string of casing into the enlarged inner diameter portion.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising removing the isolation member.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising expanding the isolation member into the enlarged inner diameter portion.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the annular area extends at least the length of the enlarged inner diameter portion.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the first string of casing has a uniform outer diameter.

11-20 (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for completing a wellbore, comprising:
a tubular housing disposed at an end of a tubular string and forming part of the tubular string, the tubular housing having an enlarged inner diameter section at an end thereof proximate the end of the tubular string terminating into the wellbore; and
an inner tubular member covering at least a portion of the enlarged inner diameter section of the tubular housing and isolating an annular area between the inner tubular member and the tubular housing.

22. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, further comprising a valve that selectively permits fluid passage through the tubular housing.

23. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, further comprising a nose portion proximate the enlarged inner diameter section of the tubular housing.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 21,~~ An apparatus for completing a wellbore, comprising:

a tubular housing disposed at an end of a tubular string, the tubular housing

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having an enlarged inner diameter section at an end thereof proximate the end of the tubular string; and

an inner tubular member covering at least a portion of the enlarged inner diameter section of the tubular housing and isolating an annular area between the inner tubular member and the tubular housing, wherein the inner tubular member and the tubular housing are constructed and arranged to always prevent communication to the wellbore in the enlarged inner diameter section.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the annular area between the inner tubular member and the enlarged inner diameter section of the tubular housing forms a gap substantially free of material.

26. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein the annular area is filled with a void filling material.

27. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein an outer diameter of the tubular housing is substantially uniform.

28. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein the inner tubular member is radially expandable.

29. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein the inner tubular member is configured to be removable from the tubular housing for retrieval to the surface of the well.

30. (Previously Presented) The assembly of claim 21, further comprising a flow tube defining a flow path through an interior of the tubular housing and the inner tubular member.